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2. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts
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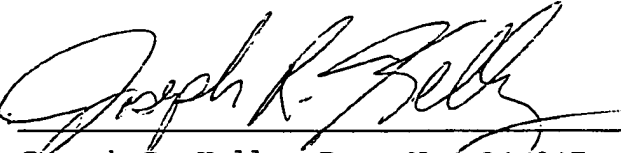
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of application - Filing Date Granted dated January 23, 2004, Applicant encloses the following documents to complete the above-identified patent application filed November 13, 2003:

1. Our check in the amount of \$1482 (to cover the filing fee \$770, surcharge fee of \$130, additional claims \$582).
2. Reissue Application Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventor(s).
3. Assent of Assignee to Reissue, Offer to Surrender and power of Attorney and Statement.
4. Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest.
5. Assignee Statement

6. Fee Calculation Sheet (duplicate).
7. Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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- Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is present, but is unsigned. A 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement bearing the signature of an official authorized to act on behalf of the assignee must be provided.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

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